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Special Status to Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any Scheme of "Granting Special Heritage Status to Universities and Colleges";

(b) if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives of the scheme;

(c) the details of colleges and universities with names and locations, State-wise;

(d) whether a number of colleges have been identified from the State of Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not granting approval under the above scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it is implementing a scheme during XII plan to provide Heritage Grants to universities and colleges which are more than 100 years old and accorded the Special Heritage Status by the UGC. The guidelines of the scheme of "Granting Special Heritage Status to Universities and Colleges" are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4170650_ Guidelines-for-Heritage.pdf . The scheme guidelines have provision for grants for conservation work and offering short term certificate or diploma programme in any of the heritage branches. This is however dependent on the specific institutional requirements and evaluation by the UGC Expert Committee. As on date 19 Colleges have been recommended for funding under the scheme. The details of grants allocated to these colleges, college-wise, is at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8647293Â¬_Heritage-website.pdf .

(d) & (e): The UGC has informed that it had received proposals, under the scheme, from three colleges in the state of Karnataka. Proposal from one college namely University College, Hampankatta, District Mangalore was approved for funding under the scheme. The remaining two colleges viz. St. Aloysius (A) College, District Mangalore and St. Josesph's (A) College, District Bangalore were not recommended by the UGC as these colleges did not fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed under the scheme.

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